

SIR JOHN PERROT

THE Elizabethan Era was perhaps the most glorious in our island history and one in which we can take great pride.

It saw the first fruits of the three outstanding events, the Renaissance, the Discovery of America and the Reformation, movements which revolutionised the activities and minds of the people of the Western World and when the people of our country passed to maturity and awakening, and awoke to the possibilities of a more intense and adventurous life of development.

With Elizabeth as its head, Burleigh as its eminent statesman, Shakespeare as the prince of dramatists, Bacon the great philosopher, Philip Sidney and Spenser the outstanding poets; Raleigh, Drake, Frobisher, its intrepid sailors, our country produced a galaxy of talent which, perhaps, has never been surpassed.

During this era our own county was the birthplace of one who, although he did not attain the eminence of the above named figures, was a very remarkable man who played a prominent part in those stirring times both nationally and locally. He was Sir John Perrot, a natural son of Henry VIII, to whom he bore a remarkable resemblance in appearance, voice and temperament. His mother was Mery Berkeley, a lady of the Court and wife of Sir Thomas Perrot, a direct descendant of one of the Conqueror's attendants.

He was born in 1527 at Haroldston, just outside the Borough of Haverfordwest and he was, throughout his life, the outstanding personality in South Wales.

From his earliest years he was noted for his military ways, his prowess in athletics, his great strength and courage, and notorious for his arbitrary ways and ungovernable temper.

SIR JOHN PERROT



He was Mayor of Haverfordwest in 1570, 1575 and 1576, Member of Parliament for Carmarthenshire, 1548-52, for Pembrokeshire, 1563-67 and Haverfordwest in 1588.

In 1551 he was High Sheriff for Pembrokeshire and later Vice-Admiral for West Wales in which latter office he was responsible for the suppression of piracy, but he undoubtedly shared the booty of many a valuable cargo.

He was a great friend of Edward VI, who made him a Knight of the Bath, and although nothing was said of any acknowledgment of his parentage the relationship was frankly acknowledged by Edward VI, Mary and Elizabeth.

During the reign of Mary he was imprisoned for harbouring Protestantism and harbouring heretics at Haroldston, but was released on her death.

Elizabeth granted him many favours. He was one of four who carried the canopy at her Coronation. She appointed him Lord President of Munster to quell the Desmond Rebellion, which he did in twelve months, and then returned to Haroldston and later to the Lordship of Carew Castle. Subsequently he was appointed Lord Deputy of Ireland (1584-88).

In 1591 he was falsely accused of High Treason, being denounced, it is said by Thomas Cadarn of Prendergast. He was condemned to death, but Elizabeth refused to sign the death warrant as she knew he was innocent and resolved to pardon him, but before the warrant was signed he died in the Tower of London and was buried in St. Peter's Church there.

His portrait, which hangs in the Shire Hall, Haverfordwest, and presented to the County by Sir Charles E. G. Philips, Bart., of Picton Castle, is a copy of the original painting in the possession of Sir John Pakington, Bart., of Twickenham and formerly of Westwood, Worcestershire, a direct descendant of Sir John Pakington, Bart., who married Hester, the inheritrix of Sir Herbert Perrot of Haroldston, in 1700.

THE CHARACTER OF SIR JOHN PERROT

IN 1727 Richard Rawlinson, LL.D., F.R.S., St. John's College, Oxford, received from Ireland the original manuscript of "The Life, Deedes and Death of Sir John Perrot" which he published in London the following year, and which has been authenticated as having been written by an unknown author about the latter end of the reign of Queen Elizabeth.

It is from this book that the following details of Sir John's character have been extracted.

"Sir John Perrot was a man in stature very tall and big exceeding the ordinary stature of man by much, and almost equal to the mightiest men that lived in his time. His body was very compact and proportionable through all its parts. As he did exceed most men in stature so did he in strength of body. His hair was auburn until it grew grey in his elder years, his countenance full of majesty, his eye marvellous piercing and carrying a commanding aspect. In time of danger he showed himself resolute and valiant. He had a very sharp wit, and was (as may be said) naturally wise, for though he was not learned in the sciences yet would he give as good a reason for matters of Experiment as most men. He had in him many excellent parts, as Magnanimity, Valour, Ripeness of Judgment, Understanding of the Languages as the French, Spanish, the Italian, and in fact, matters that a man not professing Learning could comprehend; he had some defects else had he not been flesh and blood. He would swear too much which proceeding from custom and partly from choleric, he could hardly refrain when provoked."

The Rev. James Phillips (1847-1907) in his "History of Pembrokeshire" gives the following vivid and striking estimate of his character:

"He was a true son of Henry VIII. If he refrained in an exaggerated form the faults and vices which

father's character without the genuine refinement and culture which half concealed them from the King's contemporaries, he also inherited those qualities that enabled the masterful Tudor to retain in so large a measure, the confidence and loyal admiration of his people.

Most significant is the admission of his bitter enemy that he was "frended" as well as feared.

Unclean of lip and life, unscrupulous in his greed, ungovernable in his passions, cruel in his resentment, he was yet loved quite as much as he was hated.

Patriotic and loyal to the heart's core, and sincere in his attachment to the Protestant Faith, he might have taken a high place among the statesmen of Elizabeth's reign if it had not been for the violence of his temper and the foulness of his morals and his speech. The Queen entertained a high opinion of his abilities.

He had been one of the wealthiest subjects of the Crown, but the extravagance of his habits, the expensive vices in which he indulged, the number of his retainers and his princely liberality, left him little margin of income over expenditure."

Sir John had a great love for Haverfordwest and he always took a prominent part in its administration. He was Mayor three times and in 1588 was its Member of Parliament.

During his lifetime the town attained great prosperity. It contained many men of enterprise and foresight, and the Queen's Surveyor described it, "The best buyt, the most civil and quickest occupied towne in South Wales". George Owen of Henllys, Lord of Kemes, our first illustrious County Historian, stated that "Haverfordwest is a good towne, wealthie and well governed".

With its seven guilds and the many productive activities in the town many merchants built up a lucrative and foreign trade, and in this Sir John was intimately interested.

It is therefore not surprising that being so engrossed in the town's prosperity and future development he should endow the town with a princely gift the benefits from which it still happily enjoys.

As will be seen from the GRANT dated 20th Septem-
ber, 1580, full details of which are given below, he directed
that the rents and profits derived from the messuages,
lands and tenements devised therein were to be expended
to the improvement of the Town of Haverfordwest, and to
the repair of the streets, bridges, walls, conduits of water,
and all other dilapidations of Haverfordwest as well as to
the rebuilding of the new quay in the town and all other
useful works which may be needful or suitable for the
improvement of the town.

The original document which is written in Latin
inscribed on parchment is in excellent condition and is now
displayed on the wall in the Mayor's Parlour in the Corpor-
ation Offices, Picton Place. And interesting is Sir John's
seal attached.

In May 1899 the Deed was translated by Henry Owen
Esq., D.C.L. (Oxon), F.S.A., our County's most illustrious
historian, and it is as follows:—

*To all the Faithful in Christ to whom this Present Deed
shall come,*

JOHN PERROT of Haroldston, in the County of
Pembroke, Knight, (wishes) eternal salvation in the Lord.
I KNOW YE that I the said John Perrot for the love which
I bear towards my beloved and faithful neighbours the
burgesses of the town and county of Haverfordwest and
for that the mayor sheriff bailiffs and burgesses of the said
town have granted for them and their successors that I
and my heirs in time to come living and dwelling at
Haroldston aforesaid or elsewhere in the said county of
Pembroke shall have so much of every kind of wine, salt
or any other merchandise coming into Milford and to the
same town for common traffic or contract of sale as shall
suffice for the sustenance of our house at the same price;

as the mayor and other burgesses of the same town shall buy and have them. And that it shall be wholly lawful for me and my heirs living and dwelling at Haroldston aforesaid or elsewhere within the said county of Pembroke to have the pre-emption of all kinds of victuals coming to the market of the town aforesaid next after the mayor of the same town for the time being at the like price as they shall be sold to another. And that I and my heirs living and dwelling at Haroldston aforesaid shall be burgesses and of the council of the same town if we will. And that we shall have the nomination of one burgess in the same town in any year in which such burgess may be living and dwelling in the same town and in which he shall take such oaths as the other burgesses of the same town are wont to take.

HAVE GIVEN granted and by this my present indented deed have confirmed to Maurice Canon gentleman mayor of the town and county aforesaid Thomas Tank, Jenkin Davides, Richard Batman, Morgan Voile, Edmund Harries, John Kiner, and William Jones,

All and singular the messuages lands, tenements, burgages, and hereditaments below described and set out situate and lying as well in the town and county of Haverfordwest as in the said county of Pembroke in the places specified below. That is to say,

(1). FIRST. All that messuage or tenement with all and singular its appurtenances situate and lying in Camros in the said county of Pembroke in the tenure of Thomas Bowen gentleman or his assigns.

(2). ALSO one other tenement and one carucate of land with the appurtenances lying in Wolffdale in the said county of Pembroke now in the tenure of Owen Ormond.

(3). ALSO one messuage containing half a burgage with the appurtenances lying in the town and county of Haverfordwest in Shipp-street there now in the tenure of Henry Gwillim.

(4). ALSO one other tenement containing one burgage with the appurtenances lying in the town and county of Haverfordwest aforesaid in the northern part of Higstreate there now in the tenure of Thomas Keith between land of Maurice Walter on either side.

(5). ALSO one other tenement containing one burgage with the appurtenances lying in the town of Haverfordwest aforesaid in the southern part of the Higstreate of the town of Haverfordwest aforesaid now in the tenure of Edwin Donn and abutting on the land of Thomas Bowen on the East and the land of William Warren on the West, with the appurtenances lying in the town of Haverfordwest aforesaid in Banstreate there now in the tenure of Thomas Tanck between land late of John Sinetts on the West and land late of Arnold Butler on the East.

(7). ALSO one other tenement containing half a burgage with the appurtenances lying in the town of Haverfordwest aforesaid in the Darkstreate there in the tenure of William Ricard between a tenement of Edmund Harries on the East and land of Maurice Canon on the West.

(8). ALSO one other tenement containing another half of a burgage with the appurtenances lying in the town of Haverfordwest aforesaid in the Darkstreate there in the tenure of Richard Gronow.

(9). ALSO two other tenements containing one burgage and a half with the appurtenances lying in St. Maries Street in the said town of Haverford between several tenements of Maurice Canon on the East side of each of them and land late of Thomas Sutton on the West now in the several tenures of Michael Wolff and Thomas Streat,

(10). ALSO three tenements containing one burgage divided into three parts lying together in the said town of Haverford in St. Maries Street aforesaid there in it;

several tenures of Owen Jones, William Richards and Richard Gronow between land late of the said Thomas Sutton on the East and land of Edmund Harries on the West.

(11). ALSO one tenement containing the third part of a burgage lying in the said town of Haverford on the South side of the church of the Blessed Mary there late in the tenure of Thomas Sutton between tenements of John Harries the cordwainer on the West and land of John Vaghan of Narberth gentleman on the East.

(12). ALSO one tenement containing a burgage lying in the said town of Haverford and abutting on the South Gate on the South now in tenure of Lucy Lloyd.

(13). ALSO one tenement containing half a burgage with the appurtenances lying in the said town of Haverford in the Markett Streat there late in the tenure of William Jones between land of Henry Nash on the South and a tenement of John Row on the North.

(14). ALSO two tenements lying together in the said town of Haverford in the Markett Streat there one of them containing the third part of a burgage now in the tenure of William Walter and the other containing two parts of a burgage formerly in the tenure of Katherine Jeffrey between tenements of Richard Meiler on the North and a tenement of the late John Sinet on the South.

(15). ALSO one tenement containing half a burgage on the East side of the Markett Streat aforesaid now in the tenure of David Cradock between Goat Streat on the South and land of the said David Cradock on the North.

(16). ALSO one burgage with the appurtenances lying on the south side of Goate Streat in the said town of Haverford between tenements of Henry the tailor on the West and the way leading to the east stile on the East in the several tenures of Thomas Madock and Owen Phillips.

(17). ALSO one tenement containing a burgage with the appurtenances lying in the said town of Haverford in St. Thomas Grene there between land of John Wogaa of bulston esquire on the North and land of John Davides on the South.

(18). ALSO one tenement containing half a burgage with the appurtenances in the said town of Haverford in the Hillstreat there between land of the said John Perrot knight on the South and land of William Warren on the North.

(19). ALSO one tenement containing a burgage with the appurtenances lying in the said town of Haverford at the higher end of and on the East side of Great Dewstreat in the several tenures of John Harries the capper David Cradock and John Adames between land of the said John Harries on the South and land of Thomas Bowen on the North.

(20). ALSO one tenement containing half a burgage with the appurtenances lying in Dewstreate aforesaid in the said town of Haverford late in the tenure of Elizabeth Powell there between land of Owen Phillips on the South and land formerly of Margaret Hughes on the North.

(21). ALSO one tenement containing half a burgage with the appurtenances lying in the Dewstreate aforesaid in the said town of Haverford between the Queen's high way on either side now in the tenure of Roger Marcroft or his assigns.

(22). ALSO one tenement containing a burgage with the appurtenances lying in the said town of Haverford in Dewstreate aforesaid now in the tenure of William Kinney a hooper there between the tenement formerly of Thomas Sutton on the North and land of John Kinney on the South.

(23). ALSO one tenement containing a burgage with the appurtenances in the Dewstreate aforesaid in the said town of Haverford now or late in the tenure of John Webb,

Haverland of Maurice Canon on the North and a tenement late of Henry Catharne on the South.

(24). ALSO one tenement containing a burgage in the Dewstreate aforesaid in Haverford aforesaid now in the tenure of Thomas Higday between a tenement in the tenure of Thomas Walter the tucker on the South and a tenement in the tenure of Robert Barrie on the North.

(25). ALSO one tenement containing a burgage lying in the Dewstreate aforesaid now in the tenure of Jenkin Vaure or his assigns.

(26). ALSO one tenement containing a burgage lying in the Dewstreate aforesaid in the tenure of John Howell or his assigns.

(27). ALSO one tenement containing two burgages lying in the Dewstreate aforesaid, one of them in the tenure of Lucy Lloyd and the other burgage in the several tenures of Henry Reynold and Thomas Higday or their assigns.

(28). ALSO two closes containing by estimation three acres of land with the appurtenances lying at Cathlott in the said county of Pembroke now in the tenure of Maurice Walter or his assigns.

(29). ALSO two tenements with their appurtenances lying in the bridgestreat in the town and county of Haverford aforesaid now in the tenure of Henry Gwillim and Elea his wife or their assigns between land formerly of Thomas Revell the elder on either side.

(30). ALSO one garden lying near Jurie Cross without the franchise of the said town and appertaining to the same tenements.

(31). ALSO one tenement containing a burgage with the appurtenances lying near the bridge there within the said town of Haverford now in the tenure of George Eynon.

(32). ALSO one small parcel containing an acre of land with the appurtenances called Kilfingin lying within the franchise of the said town of Haverford by the bridge there now in the tenure of Thomas Reveil or his assigns.

(33). ALSO one tenement containing a burgage with the appurtenances lying in the said town of Haverford in the Castletowne there now in the tenure of Thomas Yowan.

(34). ALSO two closes containing by estimation seven acres of land with the appurtenances situate and lying within the franchise of the said town in a place there called Burton Hill late there in the several tenures of William Morris Gwyn and John Howell.

ALL AND SINGULAR which aforesaid messuages, lands, tenements, burgages and other the premises with their appurtenances for the greater security of their being held for the use below written, were lately found to be lands concealed and afterwards obtained by me from the hands of our lady the Queen as by letters patent of our said lady the Queen bearing date the 22nd day of September in the 17th year of her reign to that intent made to certain John Herbert and Andrew Palmer more fully and clearly appears whose interest in the premises I the said John Perrot now hold for the use below written.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD all and singular the aforesaid messuages, lands, tenements and other the premises above set out with all and singular their appurtenances to the aforesaid Maurice Canon, Thomas Tanck, Jenkin Davides, Richard Batman, Morgan Voile, Edmund Harries, John Kiney and William Jones their heirs and assigns for ever of the superior lords of those fees by the rents and services thereunto before due and aforetime accustomed to the intent that the said feoffees and their heirs shall expend the rents and profits to be annually derived from the premises, to the improvement of the said town of Haverfordwest and to the repair of the streets, bridges, walls, conduits of water, and other dilapidations of the said town as well as to the rebuilding of the new quay in the

old town and all other useful works which may be needful
or suitable for the improvement of the said town.

AND I the said John Perrot Knight, and my heirs
will warrant against me and my heirs and will for ever
defend by these presents all and singular the aforesaid
messuages, lands, tenements, burgages, and other the pren-
ises above set out with all and singular their appurtenances
to the said Maurice Canon, Thomas Tanck, Jenkin Davides,
Richard Battman, Morgan Voile, Edmund Harries, John
Kiney and William Jones their heirs and assigns.

AND MOREOVER KNOW YE that I the said John
Perrot have made, constituted and appointed and set out
in my place my beloved in Christ John Davides and Thomas
Warren of the town and county aforesaid gentlemen my
true and lawful attorneys together and separately to enter
and take full possession in my name of all and singular
the aforesaid messuages, lands, tenements, burgages, and
other the premises above set out with their appurtenances
and after possession in this manner so taken and had then
to deliver full and peaceful possession and seisin of and
in the premises to the feoffees aforesaid or their attorneys
in this behalf according to the tenor force form and effect
this my present deed made to them for this purpose. I
holding and to hold ratified and confirmed all and whatso-
ever my said attorneys shall in my name do or cause to
be done or either of them shall do or cause to be done in the
premises as if I were personally present.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF to one part of this
indentured deed remaining with the said Maurice Canon,
Thomas Tanck, Jenkin Davides, Richard Battman, Morgan
Voile, Edmund Harries, John Kiney, and William Jones,
I, the said John Perrot have affixed my seal of arms, and to
the other part of the said deed remaining with me the said
John Perrot the said Maurice Canon, Thomas Tanck, Jenkin
Davides, Richard Battman, Morgan Voile, Edmund Harries,
John Kiney and William Jones have caused to be affixed as
well their own proper seals as the common seal of the said
(town of Haverford.

GIVEN on the twentieth day of September in the
twenty-second year of the reign of the Lady Elizabeth by
the grace of God of England France, and Ireland, Defender
of the Faith, etc.

JOHN PERROT.

ENDORSED.

Full and peaceful possession and seisin of and in the
messuages, lands, burgages, tenements, and other the
premises within set out was given and delivered by the
within named Thomas Warren the attorney within men-
tioned to the within named Maurice Canon Thomas Tanck,
Jenkin Davides and other the feoffees within named in the
presence of the undersigned.

WILLIAM WALTER,

merchant.

WILLIAM PHILLIPS.

CLEMENT DANYELL.

ROGER SYNNETTE.

NICHOLAS HYGDAY.

THOMAS BENBOWE.

HENRY MARTYN.

THOMAS WALTER,

tanner.

JOHN FLOIN.

WILLIAM BATTMAN.

DAVID GRIFFITH.

JAMES EYNAN.

JOHN LLOYD.

RICHARD DIXE, weaver.

ROBERT JORDANN.

HOWELL AP DAVIDES,
cutler.

The property comprised in the Trust Deed was identified by Lord Brougham's Commission (1834) as follows:-

1. A fee farm rent of 8/- issuing out of a farm house and ^{one} acre of land in the parish of Camrose belonging to Thomas Reynish.
2. A farm house and one hundred and five acres of land ^{at} Wolfsdale in the parish of Camrose let to William Bennett from Michaelmas 1769 on a lease for three lives.
3. A fee farm rent of 9/- issuing out of a large store-house in Quay Street belonging to Joseph Tombs.
4. A fee farm rent of 9/- issuing out of two houses on the north side of High Street belonging to Sarah Pugh and occupied by Thomas Owen and James Meyler.
5. A house on the south side of High Street in the tenure of Jonathan Rogers Powell.
6. Houses gardens and lands in Barn Street called Little Villas in the tenure of William Cook.
7. Stables in Dark Lane in the tenure of William Purcell.
8. House and Garden in Dark Lane in the tenure of William Morris.
9. Two houses in St. Mary's Street in the respective tenure of Richard Gibbon and James Thomas.
10. A fee farm rent of 5/- issuing out of a house in St. Mary's Street belonging to Richard Purcell, William Perry and Mrs. Howell.
11. A fee farm rent of 6/8 issuing out of a house in Pillory Street (between the Fish Market and the bottom of Market Street) belonging to the Grammar School.
12. A fee farm rent of 4/- issuing out of the Blue Boar Inn belonging to the Grammar School.
13. A fee farm rent of 16/- issuing out of a house and yard on the west side of Market Street belonging to James Higgon and in the occupation of William Owen.
14. A fee farm rent of £1 issuing out of two houses and a garden on the west side of Market Street belonging to Richard Rees and in the respective occupation of Ann Bowen and James Griffith.
15. A fee farm rent of 8/- issuing out of a house and yard on the east side of Market Street belonging to and in the occupation of John Bowen.
16. Four fee farm rents of 3/-, 1/-, 8d, 2/- issuing out of houses on the south side of Goat Street belonging respectively to George Roch and in the occupation of John Harding Harries, to Henry Leach and in the occupation of Harriet Phillips, to John Bowen and in the occupation of Miss Carrow, and to Samuel Harries and in the occupation of James Scurlock and George Harries.
17. The Green Meeting House. Founded 1638. Name retained until 18th March 1841 when it was changed to Albany Chapel. Let to the Trustees of the Albany Chapel for 75 years, from the 28th December, 1840, at £5 (later for 99 years from 29th September 1907, at £8 a year). Freehold bought by the Trustees of Albany in 1951 for £241 under the Places of Worship Enfranchisement Act, 1920.
18. A fee farm rent of 5/- issuing out of certain houses in Hill Street belonging to John Lloyd.
19. The Old Show Yard enclosed in 1845. The Commissioners state that nothing is recorded by the trustees as to this, but that a field of about half an acre at the upper end of Dew Street on the west answers the description. The field was claimed by Sir Richard Philips to whom they had written.
20. House and garden situate in Dew Street in the tenure of Thomas Venables, police officer.
21. Three houses called Rats' Island. These were in the middle of Upper Dew Street near the Kings Arms and have since been removed. Sold in 1845 by the Trustees to the Paving and Lighting Commission for £30.
22. A fee farm rent of 10/- issuing out of two houses and gardens in Dew Street belonging to Charles Prust and in the respective occupation of Thomas Bowen and Ann Smith.
23. Two houses and gardens in Dew Street in the respective tenure of William Thomas and Margaret Roblin.
24. Two houses and gardens in Dew Street in the respective tenure of John Simpson and Elizabeth James.
25. A fee farm rent of 4/- issuing out of a house and garden in Dew Street belonging to and in the occupation of Elizabeth Jones.

26. Two houses and gardens in Dew Street in the respective tenure of Mary Saies and Thomas Davies.

27. A house and garden in Dew Street in the tenure of Barbara Fry.

DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE PROPERTY IN 1899

1. This is now paid by Mrs. Penn and is charged on property called "NORTH CAMROSE," described in the following schedule:—

	A	R	P
1. Two Cottages and Gardens ...	1	11	
2. Houses, Yard, Gardens &c. ...	3	22	
3. Lower Park	2	2	22
4. Middle Park	2	1	10
5. Upper Park	2	1	38
6. Head Land	2	1	1
7. St. Mary's Wellback	2	1	1
8. Lower Wellback	4	1	29
9. Land's End Park	6	3	7
10. Robleston Hedge	1	3	5
11. Do.	3	1	2
12. Have	1	0	23
13. Do.	2	0	38
14. Do.	4	3	30
TOTAL	42	1	3

33. Nothing was paid in respect of this, which the Commissioners seem to identify with the seven or eight dwelling-houses and gardens with stables and coachhouses near the "old castle walls and mounds."

34. A fee farm rent of 1/8 issuing out of three closes of pasture land in the Parish of St. Martin belonging to Sir Richard Phillips in the occupation of Edmund Tracy.

2. This was sold in 1855 to Lewis Mathias, Esq., for £2,333 16s 8d.

3. These premises are next to the "Old Three Crowns" and held by Mr. William John, Grocer.

4. In the tenure of Mr. G. J. Bland, and in the occupation of Messrs Bland and Fletcher.

The Commissioners point out that the above fee farm rents are received for property in which Sir John Perrot granted the entire interest. They also give particulars of certain property conveyed to the trustees which were not included in the original grant.

5. Now part of the site of the Shire Hall, the house was demised in 1786 to the Rev. Charles Ayleway, Vicar of St. Mary's for 51 years, determinable in 3 lives.

6. Premises held by the School Board, under Lease for 99 years, from September 30th, 1867 at £4 4s 0d, and 12 Houses in Perrott's Terrace, let to yearly Tenants at rents amounting to £108.

House and Garden held by Mr. John James, under lease for 75 years, from April 22nd, 1844, at £5, and in the occupation of Charles Davies and Wm. Allen.

3. Two Houses and Gardens, held by John Lloyd, under lease for 75 years, from February 10th, 1845, at £6 and in the occupation of William Roberts.

9. Let to the Postmaster General, under Lease for 60 years, from the 29th September, 1880, at £90, and now used as the Post Office.

10. Council Chamber, held by the Corporation, under Lease for 99 years, from 29 Sept., 1871 at £28, formerly "Old Coach and Horses."

11. In the tenure and occupation of Mrs. Thomas, and opposite the South Door of Saint Mary's Church.

12. Held by the Governors of the Grammar School, and in the occupation of Mrs. Morgans, (the site of the "Blue Boar", does not answer to description in original Deed. May not portum australem have been written in error for portum occidentalem? The "Blue Boar" premises abutted on the west gates, "ex-australi", also does not tally with situation of "the Blue Boar".)

13. Held by Mr. K. Ll. Palmer, and in the occupation of Mr. Morris Owen.

14. Two Houses, adjoining the Market House in the tenure of Mr. Isaac Young, and in the occupation of Mrs. L. Wilson.

15. Houses at the upper end of Market Street on the east side thereof.

16. Respectively in the tenure of Colonel Roch and vacant, in the tenure of Mr. John James and in the occupation of Miss A. Evans, in the tenure of the Rev. J.B. Rowlands and in the occupation of Mrs. Adams, and in the tenure of G. L. Owen, B.Sc., and others and vacant.

17. Let to the Trustees of the Albany Chapel for 75 years, from the 28th December, 1840, at £5 (later for 99 years from 29th September 1907, at £8 a year). Freehold bought by the Trustees of Albany in 1951 for £241 under the Places of Worship Enfranchisement Act, 1920.

18. Six Houses, in Albion Terrace, in the tenure of Mr. Lloyd Davies and others.

19. This has been lost to the Trust.—Claimed and held by the Picton Estate and in 1845 Showard was built and Victoria Row.

20. In the occupation of Mrs. Meeke, on the south side of Dew Street.

21. Rats Island, was sold to widen the Street, in 1845, to the Paving and Lighting Commissioners, for £30.

22. In the tenure of Charles Prust, Esq., and in the occupation of Mrs. Collins Thomas and A. Lewis, (Dew Street, south side).

23. Two Houses and Gardens on the south side of Dew Street. The lower one formerly the "King's Head" Inn, in the occupation of Charles Davies. The upper, (east side) let under Lease, in 1841, at £6, to William Thomas, and now in the occupation of Thomas Morse.

24. Two houses and gardens on the south side of Dew Street, and on the west side of the "Carpenter's Arms", now in the occupation of William Thomas and Jessie Warren.

25. In the tenure of G. L. Owen, Esq., and others, and lately occupied by Charles Mathias, Currier.

26. "Royal Oak" Inn on the north side of Dew Street, let on Lease in 1837, for 75 years, at £9, now in the occupation of Mary Ann Roberts. Lease surrendered 1846.

27. House and Garden on the north side of Dew Street, let in 1841, to Reuben Fry, at £10, now occupied by Wm. Morgan.

28. This property has been lost to the Trust.

29. In the tenure of Mr. Jos. Thomas, and in the occupation of J. Reynolds.

30. A field adjoining Jury Cross, in the tenure and occupation of Mr. George Jones.

31. The "Fishguard Arms", let to Mrs. Davies, as yearly Tenant, at £25, and the "New Inn" let to A. Evans, under Lease for 21 years, from 29th September, 1879, at £12.

32. In the tenure and occupation of H. A. M. Evans, Esq.

33. This has been lost to the Trust.

34. Great Burton Hill, in the tenure of Sir Charles Phillips, and in the occupation of James Davies Tailor.

THE TRUST PROPERTY IN 1962

(1) The old Post Office in High Street now held on lease.

(2) The Council Chamber in St. Mary's Street on lease
to the Haverfordwest Corporation.

(3) Monumental Yard in Perrot Avenue.

(4) Dwelling Houses:—

(a) Dew Street:—

Nos.: 26, 28, 48, 50, 56, 33, 35.

(b) Perrot's Terrace:—

Nos.: 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37.

(c) Carew Terrace:—

Nos.: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

(d) Cardigan Road:—

Nos.: 1, 2, 3.

(e) Chapel Lane:—

Nos. 2 and 4.

(f) Dark Street:—

Nos.: 3, 4 and 9.

(g) Fee Farm Rents on various property in the town.

(h) Trust Investments in Government Securities.

The Annual Income from the Trust is £2,750 approximately
(1962).

For a great number of years the Perrots remained in possession of the lordly mansion of Haroldston and many of them exerted a popular and powerful influence in the locality. There lived Sir Herbert Perrot, the protector of Peregrine Phillips, and also a later Sir Herbert, whose daughter Hester, his inheritrix, married Sir John Pakington, Baronet of Westwood, Worcestershire.

It was there in Haroldston during the reign of Queen Anne (1702-14) that the great essayist Joseph Addison was a frequent and honoured guest, and it was Sir Herbert who presented to him his beautiful model character, Sir Roger de Coverley, so exquisitely depicted in the Spectator. John Pakington who married Hester Perrot that was supposed to have been the prototype of Sir Roger de Coverley, but that theory is now discarded by them.

It was there in Haroldston at a masked ball that Addison first met the fair Countess of Warwick whom he after wooed and won though she proved a prize of somewhat doubtful value.

After the death of Lady Pakington in 1715 the family interest in Haroldston languished and finally the lordly mansion fell into decay.

THE PERROT TRUST is by far the most important and lucrative of the many charities in the town, and it is remarkable that it has been in operation for nearly 400 years with an annual income now in 1962 of approximately £2,750.

During certain periods the Charity was not efficiently administered, and as a result of neglect, indifference, much appropriation by the Common Council and large landowners, loss of capital due to unwise investments and other causes, many of the original properties have been lost.

In 1831 at a town's meeting called to take into consideration the propriety of instituting measures for putting into their proper channels the various charitable funds of the town which had been for many years misappropriated by the Corporation, the Perrot Trust came in for special criticism when it was stated that for the last 50 years not a single sum had been expended for any of the purposes intended, that it was a highly improvable estate and would in a few years yield a revenue of £300 yearly. As a result of this meeting Lord Brougham's Commission on Charity Funds visited the town in 1834 and investigated and identified most of the properties and checked all abuses. Shortly afterwards the first Charitable Trust Act was passed which put the Charity on a sound business footing, and since then it has been efficiently administered and the funds scrupulously applied for the purposes intended.

From 1834 the Trustees have allotted considerable amounts for the improvement of the town in accordance with the terms of the Trust, and the following list affords some indication of what has been done.

1. A grant of £1,200 for the construction of the pavements leading to the New Bridge from both ends when the bridge was built in 1837.
2. Maintenance of the Quay for several centuries until the abandonment of the river traffic in the first half of this century.

3. Building of Perrot Terrace in Barn Street on the site known as "The Vidas",
4. Demolition of old houses on the Cardigan Road and building of new modern houses on the site.
5. Building of six modern houses in Portfield and named Carew Terrace.
6. Construction and maintenance of the steps leading from Dark Street to High Street.
7. Construction of various pavements in the town including the following:—
 - (a) Hill Street. The first street in the town to have pavements and which were facetiously known for a long time as "The King Street Flags".
 - (b) Barn Street. The pavement from the Hotel Mariners to Albert Street.
 - (c) Maintenance and repair of the Town Clock in the Tower of St. Mary's Church.

During the last twelve years the Trustees have allotted considerable sums for many worthy objects and the following list gives some striking instances of what has been accomplished:—

1. Installation of electric lighting, grates, baths, etc., to many houses. In some cases the tenants have contributed up to 8% of the cost.
2. Provision of seats in various parts of the town.
3. Grant for the planting of trees in the town.
4. Restoration of the Town Cricket Pavilion.
5. Painting of the railings around St. Thomas' Church.
6. Donation to the A.T.C. for club room furniture.
7. Restoration of the Town Cricket Ground.

8. Grant to the Haverfordwest Flower Show Committee for prizes.
9. Donation to St. Mary's Restoration Fund.
10. Hire of bus to convey patients' relatives and friends to and from Sealyham Hospital.
11. Contributions up to 50% of cost for the construction of bus shelters at various points of the town.
12. Grant for the construction of the 1939-45 War Memorial.
13. Grant to the Town's Improvement Committee.
14. Grant to the Local Coronation Committee for decorations.

At a meeting of the trustees held on 23rd March, 1962, a substantial sum was allocated for the electrification of the Town Clock and for the cleaning and re-painting of the clock faces with English gold leaf hands, Roman Chapters, minutes etc., on black flatting and varnish background.

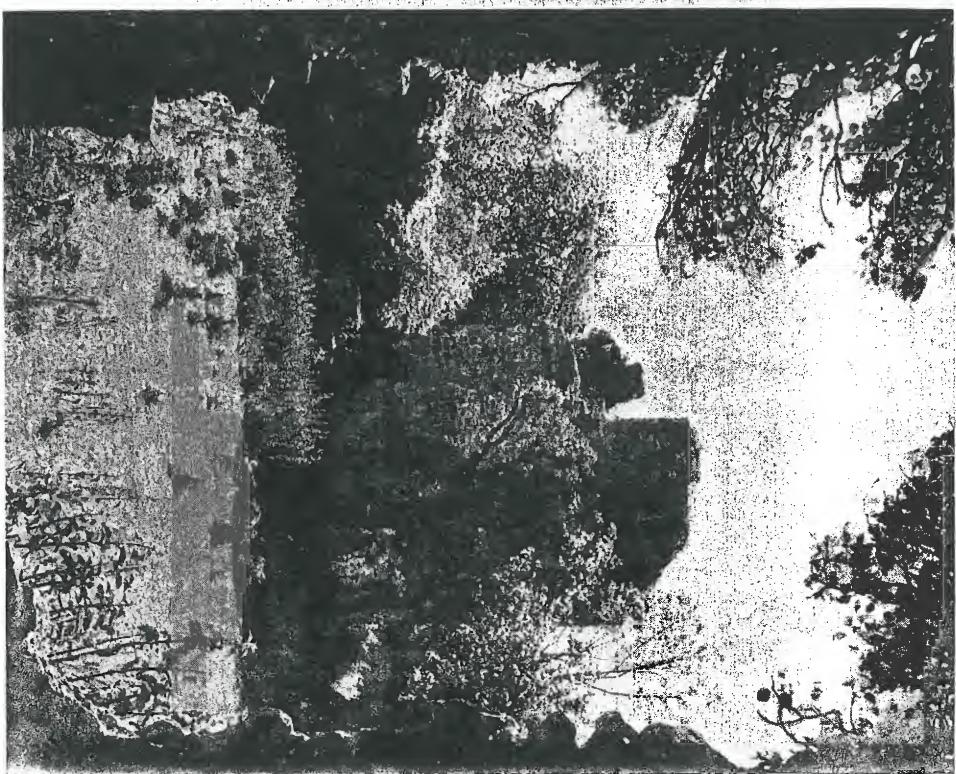
PRESENT TRUSTEES: Appointed by the Corporation:—

Alderman L. H. Ellis (Chairman), R. Guy Nott, Col. R. F. Foster, Coun. C. B. James and Mr. L. F. Fisher.

Co-opted Members:— Mrs. C. I. Lloyd, Messrs W. T. Jacks,

J. M. Bishop, G. Douglas James, together with His Worship the Mayor during his term of office.

Clerk to the Trustees:— Messrs R. K. Lucas & Son (Mr. Stanley Lucas).



The above picture, taken in the Summer of 1962, shows Haroldston as it is today, only the outer walls remaining of the former beautiful home of Sir John Perrot. The trees, with their increasing girth, still cast their shade in Summer time, but all is now silent and neglected—its glory departed.

THE cost of printing this book has been borne
by Sir John Perrot's Trust.

The Trustees regard its publication as an appreciation of, and tribute to the most generous benefactor the Borough of Haverfordwest ever had. They also feel that the property so bequeathed should rightly be placed on permanent record for posterity, which will be indebted for many years to come, to Sir John Perrot for the munificence of his gifts to the Ancient Borough.

At the same time as sanction was given for the printing of this book, the Trustees expressed warm appreciation of their co-Trustee, Mr. G. Douglas James—a former Assistant Master at Haverfordwest Grammar School—for his work on the book, by way of research and for his presentation of it in such a pleasing manner.

R. K. LUCAS & SON,

(S. K. LUCAS, A.A.L.P.A., A.V.I., M.R.S.H.)

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24th. August 1962.

Dear Sirs

Charity of Sir John Perrot.

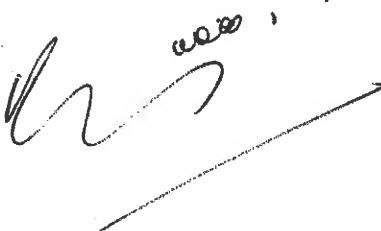
We thank you for your letter of the 20th. instant and have pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of the Book recently produced by Mr. Douglas James.

With regard to the Estate of Sir John Perrot you will note from the book that he left quite a number of properties in this town which are administered by the Charity Commissioners and a Body of Trustees. These properties are actually vested in the Trustees and would have no effect on any descendants of Sir John Perrot.

You will also read in the book of certain descendants and should you wish to obtain further information we would suggest that you write direct to Mr. G.D. James, Alberta, Haven Road, Haverfordwest.

With kind regards.

Yours faithfully,


R. K. LUCAS

